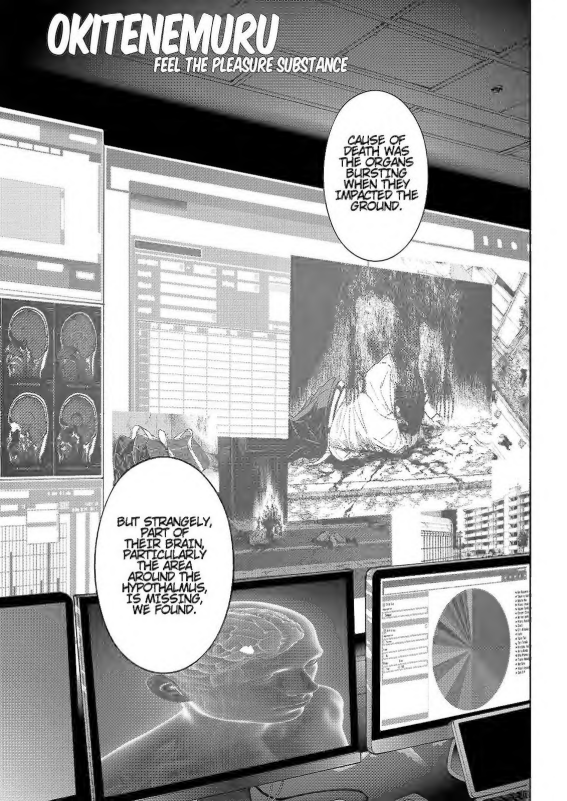
OKITENEMURU
FEEL THE PLEASURE SUBSTANCE
CAUSE OF DEATH WAS THE ORGANS BURSTING WHEN THEY IMPACTED THE GROUND.
BUT STRANGELY, PART OF THEIR BRAIN, PARTICULARLY THE AREA AROUND THE HYPOTHALAMUS, IS MISSING, WE FOUND.

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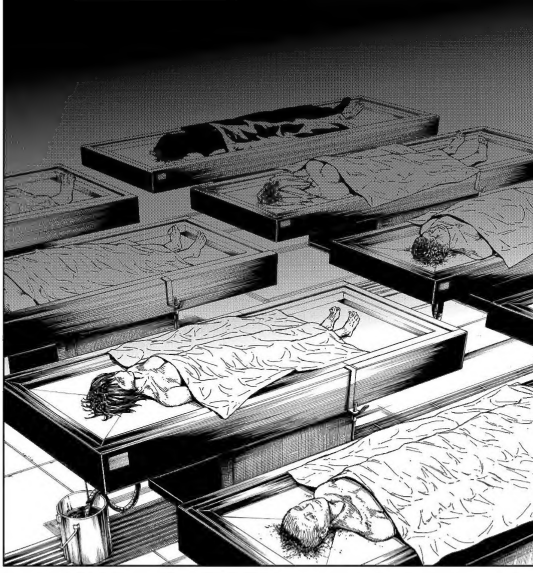
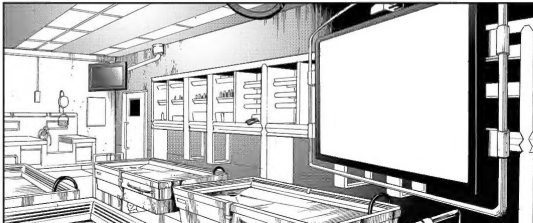
WE'RE CALLING IT A "GHOST" FOR CONVENIENCE'S SAKE, BUT IT'S SURE TO BE THE KEY TO THIS CASE.
AND THIS IS WHAT'S MOST NOTABLE.

UGH.

ARE THEY BEHIND THIS?

I DON'T KNOW.





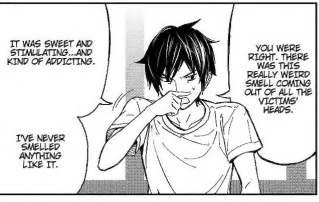
THREE SIMILAR INCIDENTS HAVE ACTUALLY ALREADY OCCURRED.
SO THIS WOULD BE THE FOURTH.
THESE EIGHT CORPSES ARE THE VICTIMS.
THE SMELL IS INCREDIBLE...
OKITE-NEMURU.
I'VE GOT YOU THE PERFECT JOB.
RIGHT, RIGHT.
WHATEVER YOU NEED.
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO LOOK AT?
YOUR REM AWAKENING THAT ACTIVATES
YOUR LATENT ABILITIES IS GOOD FOR MORE THAN JUST YOUR SENSE OF SIGHT.

THIS TIME IT'LL BE YOUR SENSE OF SMELL.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUR DOG, KIDDO.
WHEN IT AWAKENS IT'S GOING TO BE TERRIBLE!
AND THIS PLACE ALREADY SMELLS AWFUL!
ANYTHING BUT SMELL! SERIOUSLY!
NO, NO, NO, NO! WAIT A SEC, OLD MAN!
CHOMP
CHOMP
THIS IS TO SOLVE THE CASE!
IT'S JUST SOME BAD SMELLS, DEAL WITH IT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. DON'T FOCUS ON MAKING THE SMELLS STRONGER OR WEAKER. FOCUS ON DISTINGUISHING THEM.
ANY SMELL IS FINE, AS LONG AS YOU PERSONALLY DON'T CONSIDER IT STINKY.
NO, BUT...

I TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS...
BEGIN.
OKAY.
RE
ECH
PUSH

IT STINKS!
THUD!!
GWAAAAH!
FOOL!
BLEH...
ALL I CAN SMELL IS ALCOHOL AND DEAD BODIES!
FOCUS ON DISTINGUISHING THE SCENTS!
GWAH...
MY NOSE!
THE HUMAN NOSE HAS 350 DIFFERENT SCENT RECEPTORS.
THERE SHOULD BE SOME COMMON SCENT BETWEEN ALL THE VICTIMS.
CALM DOWN!
MY NOOOOOOOOSE!!
FOCUS ON THEM AND FIND IT!

IT ALL LOOKS GOOD.
OKAY.


IT WAS SWEET AND STIMULATING...AND KIND OF ADDICTING.
I'VE NEVER SMELLED ANYTHING LIKE IT.

YOU WERE RIGHT. THERE WAS THIS REALLY WEIRD SMELL COMING OUT OF ALL THE VICTIMS' HEADS.
SO.
WHAT DID YOU FIND?

P-PLEASURE HORMONES?

THAT'S PROBABLY THE SCENT OF PLEASURE HORMONES!
I KNEW IT!

WE KNOW THEIR BRAINS WERE EMITTING LARGE AMOUNTS OF PLEASURE HORMONES LIKE DOPAMINE, BETA-ENDORPHINS, AND SEROTONIN.
SOMETHING CAUSED THE VICTIMS TO FALL INTO A STATE OF EXTREME SEXUAL EXCITEMENT.
THAT THE OVERDOSE OF THESE PLEASURE HORMONES WAS CAUSING THEM TO EMIT A SPECIAL SMELL THAT NORMALLY WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE

...WAS YOU.
AND THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DISTINGUISH THAT SMELL...

HEY, KID!
I THINK YOU KNOW THIS, BUT REM AWAKENING ONLY LASTS A FEW MINUTES.
WHEN YOU USE IT FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME, YOU NEED TO WAIT AT LEAST THAT AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE USING IT AGAIN.
AND USING MULTIPLE AWAKENINGS AT THE SAME TIME IS AN ABSOLUTE NO-NO.
THE DAMAGE THE REACTION DOES TO YOUR BRAIN WILL TAKE YEARS OFF YOUR LIFESPAN.

LISTEN UP.
HERE'S THE PLAN.
FIRST, THE KID AWAKENS HIS SENSE OF SMELL,
AND TRIES TO DETECT THE UNIQUE SCENT THE VICTIMS OF THIS CASE ARE GIVING OFF.
AS SOON AS HE DOES WE'LL FIND THE SOURCE AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.

IS THIS REALLY GONNA WORK?
...
A MALE MOTH CAN DETECT A FEMALE'S PHEROMONES FROM SEVERAL KILOMETERS AWAY,
FIND HER, AND IMPREGNATE HER.
THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT THE SENSE OF SMELL IS FOR LIVING CREATURES.

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HM.
WELL...

THERE ARE TOO MANY DIFFERENT
HUH. IT'S NO GOOD

SHIKI!

RUMBLE
RIGHT AT THE NEXT LIGHT!
LEFT AT THE T!
BRO-THER
SCREECH

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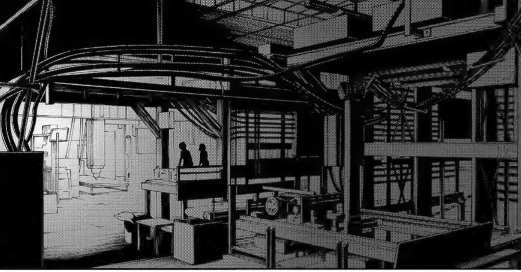

I THINK WE'RE CLOSE.
SHIKI.

COUGH
COUGH
SLAM
JERK
JERK
SQUIK
SLUMP

HISS...